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REMARKS

In the Office Action, a restriction requirement was issued with respect to several inventions or subcombinations in the claims and with respect to several species of the invention corresponding to Figs. 1-14 and Figs. 15-20.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention depicted in Figs. 1-14 and the subcombination of group III, or claims 9-12 and 16-18 which are drawn to a pivot support. It is believed that claims 1, 14-15, 25-27, as well as those claims associated with group III, claims 9-12 and 16-18, are directed toward the species of Figs. 1-14. These elections are made without traverse and without prejudice to consideration of the additional inventions and species in a subsequent application.

This preliminary amendment has been submitted before action on the merits. Applicant has amended claims 11 and 17, and no new matter has been introduced. It is believed that claims 1, 9-12, 14-18, and 25-27 are patentable over the prior art, and entry of this amendment prior to consideration of the application on the merits is requested.

Reconsideration of the present application, and particularly the elected and amended claims, is hereby requested, and action toward an indication of allowability is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

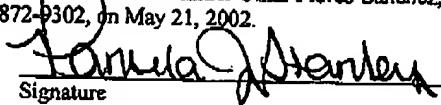


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11. The power saw of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of rails, at least one of said plurality of rails operatively connected to said support plate, and at least one of said plurality of rails operatively connected to said counterweight, whereby said rails are adapted to actuate in opposite directions, wherein said pivot support is disposed beneath said rails.

16. The power [said]saw of claim 14 further comprising at least one pivot support wherein said saw support plate is supported above said platform by said pivot support.

17. The power saw of claim 16, further comprising a plurality of rails, at least one of said plurality of rails operatively connected to said support plate, and at least one of said plurality of rails operatively connected to said counterweight, whereby said rails are adapted to actuate in opposite directions, wherein said pivot support is disposed beneath said rails.

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